

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-4 and 6-22 remain pending. Claims 1, 6 and 10 being independent. In this Reply, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6 and 10.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1-4 and 6-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over “Spyglass Prism” (Concepts and Applications: Spyglass Prism, 1997) in view of Fox et al. (an article entitled “Reducing WWW Latency and Bandwidth Requirements by Real-Time Distillation”). This rejection, insofar as it pertains the presently pending claims, is respectfully traversed.

Applicant hereby incorporates by reference the arguments traversing the Examiner’s rejection under § 103 based on the asserted combination of Spyglass Prism and Fox from the After-Final Reply dated March 6, 2008. In view of the Advisory Action dated March 21, 2008, Applicant has further amended independent claims 1, 6 and 10 in an effort to expedite prosecution of the present application. More specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to specify that the terminal information acquiring means of the image-correction processing apparatus requests the destination terminal to provide destination terminal information about the destination terminal and acquires destination terminal information from the destination terminal “upon receipt of an image from a sender terminal.” Independent claims 6 and 10 have been similarly amended.

Spyglass Prism specifies that “when a user logs on to Spyglass Prism for the first time, they may be asked to enter a series of conversion preferences that are stored in the User Database.” (See the second paragraph of the section titled “Transaction Manager” on page 4). Furthermore, Spyglass Prism describes a Device Database storing conversion characteristics whereby “The system administrator enters information into the Device Database through the administration interface.” (See the third paragraph of the section titled “Transaction Manager” on page 4). Thus, Spyglass Prism describes acquiring conversion preference information from the user, but does not describe acquiring information from a destination terminal. Furthermore, Spyglass Prism acquires information from the user when the user logs on for first time, but fails to teach or suggest requesting and acquiring terminal information from the destination terminal “upon receipt of an image from a sender terminal” as now specified in the independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that the secondary reference, Fox, fails to make up for the deficiencies of Spyglass Prism. Accordingly, Applicant submits that this asserted combination of Spyglass Prism and Fox (assuming these references may be combined, which Applicant does not admit) fails to establish *prima facie* obviousness of any pending claim.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner’s rejection under 35 USC § 103.

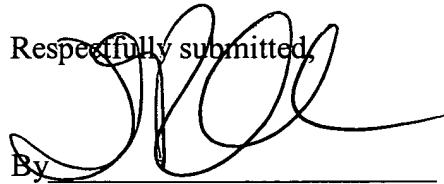
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact D. Richard Anderson Reg. No. 40,439 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,



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